IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **SAITO, MAKOTO**

Serial No.: **09/476,334**

Filed: **January 3, 2000**

FOR. **DATA COPYRIGHT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

Group Art Unit: **2161**

Examiner: **John W. Hayes**

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

March 29, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **December 31, 2001**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

72. (Twice Amended) A data copyright management method comprising:

encrypting unencrypted copyrighted data using a first secret-key;

supplying the encrypted data to a primary user;

decrypting the encrypted data using said first secret-key;

displaying the decrypted data;

re-encrypting said decrypted data using a second secret-key;

storing, copying or transferring said re-encrypted data and not said decrypted data;

editing said decrypted data to produce unencrypted edited data;